



NAN PATERSON

Important Letters Have Been Discovered.

WILL CONVICT NAN

Letters Were Entrusted to Detective Aiken by Mrs. Jane Smith.

SENSATION IS NOW PROMISED

Mrs. Smith Declared That if the Police Got Hold of the Letters They Would Hang Nan—The Letters Have Not Been Made Public as Yet.

Cincinnati, April 1.—The fight for the possession of certain letters which were entrusted to Detective Aiken by Mrs. Smith when she and her husband were arrested is promised as the next development in the Nan Patterson case. Attorney Shay today demanded the return of the letters from the detective, and when the officer refused to turn them over, Attorney Shay announced that he would take the matter into the courts Monday and compel the detective to deliver the letters, also threatening to cause the detective's arrest.

Aiken refused to take any action until Monday. He said that when he was appealed to by Mrs. Smith regarding the letters, he supposed that they were of minor importance and entirely unconnected with the case, and, therefore, promised Mrs. Smith to take care of them. After they had been turned over to him, he said Mrs. Smith declared:

"If these papers ever get into the hands of the police they will hang Nan."

This remark caused him to change his mind and he turned them over to the local police for safe keeping until the papers can be delivered to District Attorney Jerome. The contents of most of the letters have not been made public, but at least four of them are said to be very important in connection with the prosecution of the case against Nan Patterson.

PARDON REFUSED.

Governor Hoch of Kansas Refuses to Pardon E. J. Smiley.

Topeka, April 1.—Governor Hoch has not granted a pardon to E. J. Smiley, who was convicted of violating the Kansas anti-trust law while acting secretary of the Kansas grain dealers' association.

"Smiley Minature Rockefeller," said the governor today in discussing the case. "If his methods are to prevail the farmers in Kansas would only receive \$20,000,000 for their wheat this year instead of \$60,000,000. I am glad that we have a law that will protect men who raise wheat."

ON BEAM ENDS.

Steamer Mandalay Shifts Cargo and on Beam Ends.

Crescent City, April 1.—The steamer Mandalay, bound from this port to Monterey, while leaving the harbor today shifted her cargo and is now on her beam ends just outside round rock. It is believed that she can be righted by throwing overboard her deck load of lumber.

JEFFERSONIAN BANQUET.

Unterrified Hold Their Annual Banquet at Portland.

Portland, April 1.—The fourth annual dinner of the Jeffersonian banquet was given tonight by the American Patriotic Club. Three illustrious men previously remembered have been Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson and U. S. Grant.

This year's banquet was presided over by Judge C. B. Bellinger. Two principal toasts were, "Thomas Jef-

erson" and "Summary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition." They were responded to by John M. Gearin of Portland and Dr. Frederick G. Young, professor of economics of the University of Oregon. The banquet was attended by many of the most prominent men in the city and state.

CROP OUTLOOK.

Wheat Conditions in Oregon Exceptionally Good.

Washington, April 1.—The weather bureau's monthly summary of the crop conditions says:

"Nearly the whole country is experiencing exceptionally favorable conditions for farming operations during March. Generally on the Pacific coast the farm work is unusually well advanced. The winter wheat is very promising, practically all the reports indicating that this crop came through the winter in an unusually fine condition in principally winter wheat states. The outlook on the Pacific coast is also promising, except in portions of northeastern Washington, where considerable winter wheat has been killed.

NAME CHANGED.

Now the Spokane and British Columbia Railroad.

Spokane, April 1.—Republic, Washington, special to the Spokesman Review says: The Republic and Kettle and Viley Railway Company has changed its name to the Spokane & British Columbia Railway Company, and increased its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

The increase is made to provide for the extension from Republic to Spokane. The railroad is owned by a Canadian syndicate and runs from Grand Forks, B. C. to Republic.

STATEMENT ISSUED

Trying to Straighten Out Affairs of Equitable Insurance.

TWO FACTIONS INTERESTED

Policy Holders Insist Upon a Fair Representation of the Board Which Indicates That Hyde and Crimmins Will Control the Business.

New York, April 1.—After a conference lasting five hours in the New York office of the state superintendent of insurance, Hendricks, at which were present representatives of the various interests in the Equitable Life Insurance Association, two official statements were issued. One which suggests a solution of the difficulties and the second one issued some hours later by James H. Hyde, first vice president of the society, who declared that he had requested the state insurance department to make a thorough and drastic investigation of the entire management of the society. The official statement declares that the policy holders demand a representation on the board of directors at a ratio of 25 to 24 and representation on the executive committee. They desire that the executive committee be enlarged to 12 from 10, the two additional to be policy holders.

It was at the conclusion of the long session that the first statement was given out. None of those present would offer any comment on it nor would they discuss Equitable affairs, maintaining silence which characterized the attitude of everyone interested since Hendrick's arrival in the city. Hyde's statement, besides calling for an investigation declared that the scandalous charges have their origin in an effort by individuals who desire to obtain control of the Equitable society and its assets. The statement issued directly after the meeting has the approval of all sides of the controversy except the attitude of Alexander, president of the company. His position has not been learned.

As explained to the Associated Press by one of the attorneys, the present agreement reached means Crimmins's policy holders committee as a party, Hyde principal stockholders, Hendricks, superintendent of insurance and Ellihu Root, chief counsel.

LAND FRAUDS

Federal Grand Jury Meets Tuesday.

NEW JURY IS NEEDED

Mitchell and Hermann Will Be Required to Put Up Bonds.

NEW INDICTMENTS EXPECTED

It is Stated That There is Sufficient Work for a New Grand Jury to Consume Thirty Days in Order to Complete All the Investigations.

Portland, April 1.—There will be another federal grand jury called. It is well established now that the present grand jury, which will be able to complete the land fraud investigation in Oregon, though a number of indictments are to be returned.

It is claimed bonds are to be required from Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann, indicted for alleged participation in land frauds.

A batch of new indictments is certain to come with the reassembling of the federal grand jury next Tuesday, and already many prominent people in various parts of the country not heretofore suspected of complicity in any of the land frauds, are trembling in their shoes at the prospects.

It is announced authentically that the grand jury will not be able to finish with the business in hand prior to the time set for its final adjournment on April 10, and that it will be necessary to call another jury then. As a matter of fact, it is considered certain that there is a sufficient amount of work now under consideration to consume the time of a new grand jury fully equal to the period taken up by the one retiring.

District Attorney Heney said some time ago that there was enough work in sight to occupy the attention of an inquisitorial body for several months to come, and while great expedition in securing additional evidence for the different cases has been made during his absence, it is not likely that any new investigations have been in progress outside of those already under consideration at the time he left.

The latest sensation attending the return of District Attorney Heney is contained in the positive assurance that Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann and Williamson will be required to either give bond at once or fall victims to bench warrants from the court, as it is understood that Heney never consented to their going free after the adjournment of congress. They were permitted to go on their own recognizance at the time of their indictment on account of congress being in session, but for no other reason, and it is claimed that Heney does not relish the idea of their being treated any different from others under indictment.

It has been asked if there is one law for Jack Gardner, S. A. D. Puter and Horace G. McKinley in this respect, and another law for men in high official station.

SMUGGLERS SUSPECTED.

Men That Smuggled Guns in Salem Penitentiary.

Salem, April 1.—The officers of this county feel certain that they have located the parties who are responsible for the smuggling of guns and ammunition into the state penitentiary over two years ago by which the convicts, Harry Tracey and David Merrill effected their sensational escape, after killing three guards and that they have sufficient evidence upon which to secure a conviction. The parties charged with the crime are Harry Wright, now serving three years in the Walla Walla penitentiary under the name of H. C. Mutchart for grand larceny, and Chas.

Monte, at present doing a six years' sentence in the Oregon penitentiary for grand larceny under the name of W. Bennett.

The officers can lay their hands upon either or both at their pleasure and the case will be brought before the grand jury which convenes next Monday. A charge of murder in the first degree will be entered against both men. The guards killed during the Tracey and Merrill famous outbreak were Frank Ferrell, S. R. T. Jones and B. T. Tiffany.

HEART DISPLACED.

Not by Love But by a Stroke of Lightning.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 1.—Members of the local medical fraternity are deeply puzzled over the case of Miss Mabel Rigney, a well known young lady of this city, who died last night from an affection of the heart.

It is stated that while working as an operator in a local telephone exchange the young lady was so severely frightened by a flash of lightning which coarsed along the wires that her heart was displaced.

Gradually she was taken with pains and for the last two weeks had been in intense agony, her heart beats constantly growing more rapid until just before her death 182 pulsations per minute were registered.

Stabbed in Butte.

Butte, Mont., April 1.—A Belt, Mont., special to the miner states that Gus Maki was probably fatally stabbed by Nick Mikson yesterday during a saloon row. Both men are Italian miners. They had been bitter enemies.

ADVANCE IN LUMBER

Increased Demand Necessitates and Increased Price.

PACIFIC COAST LUMBER CO.

Meeting of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturing Association Holds a Meeting at Centralia and Advances the Price of Spruce Lumber.

Seattle, April 1.—At a meeting of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturing Association held today W. L. Benham of Seattle, formerly western freight traffic manager of the Great Northern, was endorsed for a position on the railway commission to be appointed by Governor Mead, and who spent 25 years in railroad work and during the past ten years has been engaged in irrigation projects in eastern Washington.

A joint price list of lumber was adopted at the Centralia meeting on March 8 by the Western Washington Lumber Manufacturers and Pacific Coast manufacturers was agreed to by all present. Spruce lumber was advanced on their list \$1 a thousand on all factory spruce, and \$1 a thousand on the two upper grades of spruce siding.

DON'T LIKE JAPS.

Russian Students Refuse to Sit by Them in College.

Colombia, Mo., April 1.—Two Russian students at the State university have requested the university authorities to reassign them to seats for the reason that they had been given places on the same bench with four Japanese. The Russians claimed that they were embarrassed by the laughter and jokes of the other students. The request was granted.

SNOW IN COLORADO.

Telegraph Communications Cut Off From Many Towns.

Denver, April 1.—A severe rain and snow storm prevailed throughout Colorado today and tonight. No serious washouts are reported, but all the trains are behind time. Telegraph and telephone wires suffered the most and all communications are completely cut off with many towns tonight. Three men were buried in a snow slide at Ourny and are believed to have perished.

LEAD OUTPUT

Consolidation of the Large Companies.

CONTROL THE OUTPUT

Capital Stock of the Gigantic Corporation Amounts to About \$40,000,000.

NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY

Guggenheims Organizes a Lead Trust Which Will Control the Entire Output of the United States and Some of the Foreign Countries.

New York, April 1.—After years of negotiations a deal has just been consummated, according to the Tribune, by which the seven sons of Mr. Guggenheim, who died a few days ago have achieved, in conjunction with their allied interests, a union of the National Lead Company, commonly known as the "White Lead Trust," capitalized at \$30,000,000, with the United Lead Company, a Guggenheim concern, the total authorized capitalized stock of which is \$25,000,000. Formal statements giving the details of the merger will be issued immediately. It is believed the capital of the holding company will be about \$40,000,000.

The consolidated concern will be known as the National Lead Company. President Cole and most of the other officers of the present National Lead Company will hold the same offices in the new company, it is said. The Guggenheims, however, will dominate the directorate.

Through the organization of the Guggenheim Exploration Company, which was later taken into the American Smelttime & Refining Company, the Guggenheim interests secured control of the pig lead business, which aggregates about 250,000 tons a year, valued at \$25,000,000, of which 140,000 tons are turned into mechanical products, such as sheet lead, lead pipe, solder, bullets, shot, etc., and the 110,000 tons into chemical products, including white lead and litharge.

WILL ARBITRATE.

Peruvian Minister to Ecuador Will Settle Dispute.

Lima, Peru, April 1.—The Peruvian government has appointed Dr. Mariano Cornejo, Peruvian minister to Ecuador, to go to Spain on a special mission in connection with the arbitration of the questions pending between Peru and Ecuador. Dr. Cornejo will take with him as special secretary the poet laureate of Peru, Jose Santos Chocano. Both Dr. Cornejo and Secretary Chocano will leave here in a few days with the Spanish royal commissioner Remon Menendez Pidal, who on behalf of the king of Spain as arbitrator has been examining the documents in the boundary dispute between Peru and Ecuador. Senor Pidal will return to Spain by way of Chile and Argentina.

INCREASE IN WAGES.

United States Steel Corporation Announces an Increase.

New York, April 1.—Official notices have been sent out by the various companies of the United States Steel Corporation informing thousands of workmen of an increase in wages beginning today. It is estimated that the increase will amount in round figures to \$3,000,000. No details have been made public here, but it is said that those who will receive the increased pay will be the laborers; skilled mill

hands, and the class of mechanics now receiving moderate wages.

Agreement with tin plate, sheet steel, and other workers which expire on June 30 next, will not be changed at present. It is expected that higher wage scales will go into effect in these departments after the present agreements have expired.

LAWN TENNIS.

Chicago and New York Have Arranged for Games.

New York, April 1.—Champion lawn tennis teams representing New York and Chicago may meet in a dual set of matches before the coming season shall have closed. The subject is now under discussion by the executive committee of the Metropolitan lawn tennis league. It is planned to have the winners of the Metropolitan series meet the winners of the Chicago lawn tennis league probably in this city some time in September.

Accused of Treason.

Berlin, April 1.—The trial of the editor of the Taegliche Rundschau accused of treason in revealing military secrets in an article on mine laying in harbor approaches, has ended with his acquittal but Lieutenant Truesler von Falkstein, retired, who wrote the article, has been sentenced to six months' detention in a fortress.

Moves to New York.

San Francisco, April 1.—The Greek-Russian cathedral is to be transferred from San Francisco to New York city. It has been officially decided that in about six weeks the cathedral and staff of priests will move to the eastern metropolis, henceforth the seat of the presiding bishop of the orthodox eastern church of North America.

MANCHURIA QUIET

Contradictory Reports Received from Chinese Fugitives.

HARBIN BUSINESS PARALYZED

Believed That the Japanese Are Preparing a Bold Turning Movement Probably to the Eastward and Russian Cavalry Preventing Surprise.

Gunshu Pass, April 1.—All is quiet through Manchuria. The heavy curtain of the Japanese effectually conceals the Russian strength and positions. Many contradictory reports are being received from Chinese fugitives, most of whom indicate a constant movement of the Japanese in the northeast as though with an evident intention of effecting a great turning movement at Kirin to cover up the beginning of the attack on Vladivostok.

Harbin, April 1.—Business in Harbin is completely paralyzed and a general lack of confidence in the ability of the Russians to hold the place prevails. The majority of the female population is leaving Harbin. It is believed here that the Japanese are preparing a bold turning movement, probably to the eastward and the Russian cavalry are operating widely in order to avoid a repetition of the surprise at Mukden.

UNION PRAYER MEETINGS.

To Be Held in Brooklyn to Pray for Sinners.

New York, April 1.—Unique services will be held today in more than 125 churches of Brooklyn in the shape of union prayer meetings for the welfare of the city. All protestant denominations will participate in the meetings, while special prayers will be offered in the Catholic churches.

Fifty-one churches will be represented in the Park slope district alone at the meetings of the First Reformed church.

Base Ball.

BGerkley—California 3, Stanford 2. San Francisco—Seattle 5, San Francisco 13. Los Angeles—Portland 2, Los Angeles 4. Oakland—Tacoma 2, Oakland 3.